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1. WASHINGTON ACTION STAFF (WAS) MET UPON RECEIPT REFAIR TO REVIEW FY 1975 HONDURAS COMMERCIAL ACTION PROGRAM. WE WISH TO ONCE AGAIN COMPLIMENT THE POST FOR SUBMITTING THE KIND OF COMPREHENSIVE AND IMAGINATIVE PROGRAM WHICH NOW HAS BECOME ITS TRADEMARK.

2. WAS PARTICULARLY NOTED ACTION 9 UNDER CAMPAIGN ONE, WHICH SUGGESTS CATALOGING TARIFF AND NTB RESTRAINTS IN HOSPITAL FIELD, AND ACTION 11 UNDER CAMPAIGN 2, WHICH SUGGESTS ANALYZING TERMS OF FINANCING OF NO-US FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AS WORTHWHILE INNOVATIONS WHICH COULD WELL BE INCLUDED IN CAP SUBMISSION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

AS RESOURCES PERMIT EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER BROADENING BOTH OF THESE ACTIONS TO PROVIDE A MORE GENERAL LIST OF TARIFF RESTRAINTS NTB'S AND CONCESSIONAL FINANCE

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PROGRAMS IN HONDURAS.

3. RE CAMPAIGN ONE ACTION 6 COMMERCE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE MATERIAL REQUESTED BECAUSE OF SHORT LEAD TIME GIVEN. POST SHOULD GENERALLY ALLOW 60 DAYS FOR ACQUISITION OF MATERIAL OF THIS NATURE.

4. RE CAMPAIGN 2 ACTION 6 USIA HAS REQUESTED FILMS SOUGHT BY POST AND WILL FORWARD THEM AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

5. RE CAMPAIGN 2 ACTION 9 ACTION RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS ITEM WAS TRANSFERRED TO USIA FROM COMMERCE. USIA (IPS) WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ASAP A MORE SPECIFIC IDEA AS TO WHAT KIND INFORMATION ON COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ARTICLE.

6. RE CAMPAIGN 4 ACTION 4 COMMERCE ALSO NEEDS MORE SPECIFICS ON WHAT IS NEEDED FOR ARTICLE ON US HYDRO-ELECTRIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

7. SINCE THE ENERGY SYSTEMS INDUSTRY IS A TARGET AREA, COMMERCE WOULD LIKE EMBASSY TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST IN HONDURAS IN THIS AREA TO MERIT A PIMS. KISSINGER

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